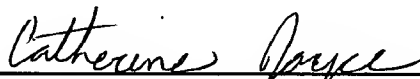


REMARKS

The claims are amended to encompass methods of preventing or treating disease associated with increased levels of homocysteine in the human body comprising administering at least one tetrahydrofolate in natural stereoisomeric form in conjunction with pharmaceutically compatible active substances or pharmaceutically compatible adjuvant substances, including B-vitamins as pharmaceutically active substances. Support in the specification for the added claims is found on pages 4-5, and in Example 10.

Favorable action on the application as amended herein is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss matters which may further the prosecution of this application or facilitate the allowability of some or all of the claims herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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